# **Highlights**

### Refinery Activity (Million Barrels per Day)

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	Fo	Four Weeks Ending		
	03/02/01	02/23/01	03/02/00	
Crude Oil Input to Refineries	. 14.9	14.8	14.1	
Refinery Capacity Utilization (Percent).	. 90.5	90.0	86.5	
Motor Gasoline Production	. 7.8	7.7	7.6	
Distillate Fuel Oil Production	. 3.7	3.7	3.4	
See Table 2.				

Refinery operable capacity utilization for the 4 weeks ending March 2, 2001, was 4 percent above last year's rate. This week's operable capacity utilization rate was 91.8 percent. The 4 week average for motor gasoline production was 3 percent above last year's level, and distillate fuel oil production was 9 percent above.

#### Stocks (Million Barrels)

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		Week Ending		
	03/02/01	02/23/01	03/02/00	
Crude Oil (Excluding SPR)	277.3	280.0	288.9	
Motor Gasoline	203.0	204.5	201.6	
Distillate Fuel Oil <sup>1</sup>	115.6	116.6	104.9	
All Other Oils	318.7	317.9	305.6	
Crude Oil in SPR <sup>2</sup>	541.7	541.7	569.4	
Total	1,456.3	1,460.7	1,470.4	
See Table 3.				

Crude oil stocks were 2.7 MMB lower than last week's level. Motor gasoline stocks were 1.5 MMB lower than last week's level. The current 203.0 MMB includes reformulated gasoline stocks of 39.4 MMB, but excludes oxygenate stocks of MTBE and fuel ethanol. At the end of January, they were about 7.9 MMB and 2.6 MMB, respectively. Distillate stocks were 1.0 MMB lower than last week's level. They are 10.7 MMB higher than last year's level, and are within the average range.

#### Net Imports (Million Barrels per Day)

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	Four Weeks Ending		
	03/02/01	02/23/01	03/02/00
Crude Oil	8.5	8.6	8.1
Petroleum Products	1.8	1.8	1.4
Total	10.3	10.5	9.5
See Table 1.			

Net imports of crude oil and petroleum products during the 4 weeks ending March 2, 2001 were 8 percent higher than the levels for the same period last year.

#### **Products Supplied** (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	03/02/01	02/23/01	03/02/00
Motor Gasoline	8.1	8.2	8.2
Distillate Fuel Oil	4.0	4.0	3.8
All Other Products	7.8	7.8	7.3
Total	20.0	19.9	19.3
See Table 9.			

Over the past four weeks, motor gasoline product supplied was slightly below last year's level, while distillate fuel oil product supplied was 8 percent above.

## Prices (Cents per Gallon except as noted)

		Week Ending	Week Ending		
	03/02/01	02/23/01	03/03/00		
World Crude Oil	23.83	24.88	27.66		
Spot Prices					
WTI Crude Oil - Cushing					
(Dollars per Barrel)		28.83	31.46		
Conv. Regular Gasoline - NYH	77.75	79.68	96.35		
RFG Regular - NYH	79.75	83.30	91.00		
No. 2 Heating Oil - NYH		74.20	86.95		
No. 2 Low-sulfur Diesel Fuel - NYH		74.50	82.08		
Kerosene-Type Jet - NYH		80.20	87.08		
Residual Fuel - NYH		53.88	52.33		
Propane - Mont Belvieu	57.00	55.75	55.50		
	03/05/01	02/26/01	03/06/00		
Retail Prices					
Motor Gasoline - Regular	141.7	143.1	150.1		
Conventional Areas	138.6	140.4	148.9		
Oxygenated Areas	144.7	147.6	150.7		
OPRG Areas		148.0	149.9		
RFG Areas	149.2	149.2	153.3		
On-Highway Diesel Fuel	142.0	145.1	149.0		
Source: Reuters Ltd.					

See Tables 12-14 and 16.

The average world crude oil price on March 2, 2001 was \$23.83 per barrel, down \$1.05 from the previous week and \$3.83 less than last year. WTI was \$27.89 per barrel on March 2, 2001, down \$0.94 from the previous week and \$3.57 less than last year. The spot price for conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor was 77.75 cents per gallon, down 1.93 cents from the previous week and 18.60 cents less than a year ago. The spot price for diesel fuel in the New York Harbor on March 2, 2001 was 74.98 cents per gallon, up 0.48 cent from the previous week but 7.10 cents lower than last year.

The national average retail regular gasoline price, falling for the third straight week, was 141.7 cents per gallon on March 5, 2001, down 1.4 cents from last week and 8.4 cents lower than a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price dropped for the fifth consecutive week at 142.0 cents per gallon on March 5, 2001, decreasing 3.1 cents from last week and 7.0 cents less than last year.

Distillate fuel oil stocks located in the "Northeast Heating Oil Reserve" are not included. For details see Appendix D, page 69.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crude oil stocks in the SPR include non-U.S. stocks held under foreign or commercial storage agreements. Note: Data may not add to total due to independent rounding.